

position we hold, and in this case a position we no longer hold. All we are doing here is saying let's buy these people some time so they can gain that self-respect again. It is not a handout. It is not a gift. It is just basic needs. Nobody wants to be unemployed. You know that. I know that. Everybody knows that. Self-respect, that is all we are talking about. That is all we are asking for and I think that is all each and every one of us deserves. I would appreciate your support. I think the \$138 maximum is very much in line and we are moving in the right direction where we should be. We are not talking about an increase in taxes for employers. We are talking about using some of the money that is available. We have got over \$75 million in that fund right now and that fund has been doing nothing but growing over the last ten years. It is going to continue to grow if this increase is adopted.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: So the argument that we don't have the money, that it is going to cost too much, and that it is not good for the economy is not a good argument. Every dollar that goes into a community brings back seven, multiplies by seven. I urge your support of this amendment. It is important to your community just as it is important to my community. It is important to our state as a whole. I urge your support. I urge your green light on this one. I know the last time you might have thought it was April Fool's and you wanted to put that green light up there on Senator Barrett's amendment but I would appreciate as strong a support for this amendment. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Hall amendment to the, what amendment, the Hall amendment to the Hall amendment, I guess. So all those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. A simple majority wins. Have you all voted that care to? How many are absent? One excused, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Could I ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote?

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.